

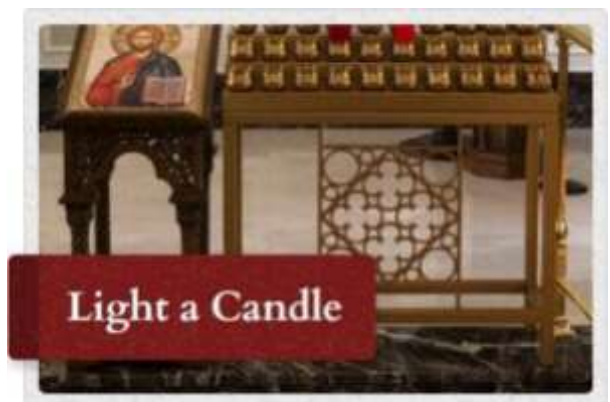
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

Join us at 8:15 a.m. on April 25th for Palm Sunday

You can watch our services by clicking on any of the links to our Live Stream. Please subscribe for regular update



We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, April 25, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Palm Sunday
- ◇ Mark the Apostle and Evangelist

But observe the wisdom of the Evangelist, how he is not ashamed to parade their former ignorance. That it was written they knew, that it was written of Him they knew not. For it would have offended them if He being a King were about to suffer such things, and be so betrayed.

Besides, they could not at once have taken in the knowledge of the Kingdom of which He spake; for another Evangelist saith, that they thought the words were spoken of a kingdom of this world. (Matt. xx. 21.)

St. John Chrysostom

Narthex Duty:

Welcoming Ministry: NA during Covid

Orthros Reader: NA during Covid

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



Palm Sunday

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.
6:30 AM

April

April 29: Vespertal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Apolytikion of Palm Sunday

1st Tone

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος α'

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἡγείρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Apolytikion

4th Tone

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος δ'

Συνταφέντες σοὶ διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἡξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Kontakion

Plagal of the 2nd Tone

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. β'

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πώλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχούμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἶνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοώντων σοὶ· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους 4:4-9 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὖφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 12:1-18 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Πρὸ ἑξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἷς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτρον μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὁσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε.

Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστι, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν.

Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαῖα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὄναριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστι γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται κατήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου.

Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἠκούσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιθέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

The Gospel According to John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

DONATIONS for GREAT LENT & PASCHAL SEASON 2021

GREAT LENT:

Flowers for Icon of the Panagia on Fridays

1st Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

2nd Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

3rd Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

4th Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

Akathist Hymn/Ακάθιστος Ύμνος - *donated*

- ♦ Flowers for Stavroproskyniseos (3rd Sunday) - *donated*
- ♦ Bottles or Cases of Nama Wine
- ♦ Incense for Great Lent - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Palm Sunday - *donated*
- ♦ Palms & Daphne for Palm Sunday - *donated*



HOLY WEEK:

- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Nymphios —*donated*
- ♦ **Extra Virgin Olive Oil for Holy Unction**
- ♦ **Flour for Holy Unction**
- ♦ Seven Candles for Holy Unction—*donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Mystical Supper - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Crucifixion - *donated*
- ♦ Candles for the Holy Cross - *donated*
- ♦ 12 Candles for the Twelve Holy Gospels - *donated*
- ♦ Stefani-Stavromenon (Flowered Wreath) Holy Thursday - *donated*
- ♦ **White Sheet for Body of Christ - 1 queen flat needed**
- ♦ Flowers for Decorating the Epitafios - *donated*
- ♦ Epitafios Roses for the Faithful - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Water & Rose Petals Holy Friday - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Petals for Holy Saturday Morning - *donated*
- ♦ Clergy Resurrection/Anastasi Candle - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icons of the Resurrection —*donated*

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA (5.02.21):

- ♦ Paschal Easter Lilies for Anastasi - *donated*
- ♦ Eggs for Holy Pascha —*donated*
- ♦ Tulle & Ribbon for Paschal Eggs —*donated*

Note: Please specify exact item with your donation. THANK YOU for your love & support! Βοήθειά σας!

Please complete the information below and return entire form to the St. Basil Church office;
along with your payment.

Kindly make checks payable to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church.

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 11th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 18th		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 25th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 GREAT AND HOLY WEEK ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 30th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 2nd NO FASTING!	 BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



St. Basil Philoptochos PALM SUNDAY Lamb Raffle

Enter for your chance to win
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Tickets
\$10 each
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Tickets will be mailed to all Stewards
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Drawing on Palm Sunday, April 25
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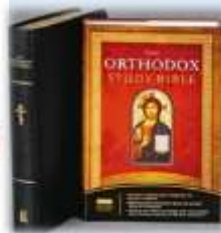
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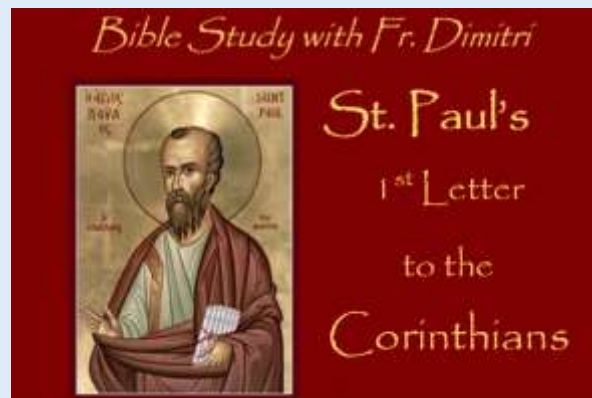


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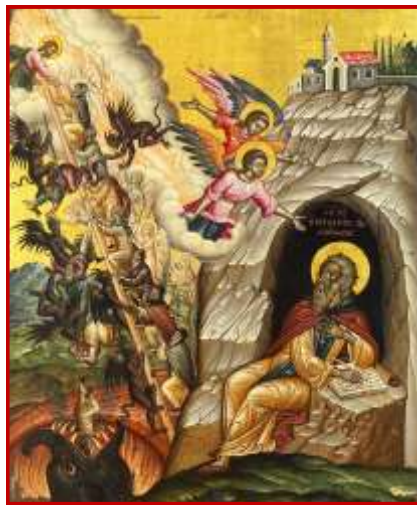


When: Tuesday Mornings –
10:00 am – 11:00 am
Will Resume after Bright Week

Where: ONLINE VIA



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



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**The Ladder of
Divine Ascent**

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SAVE THE DATE

JULY 14, 2021

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing



Odyssey Country Club
19110 S Ridgeland Ave.
Tinley Park, IL

\$135 Includes:

18 Holes of Golf
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Open Bar

\$60 Includes:

Dinner
Open Bar



FOR MORE INFO

CALL

(312) 243-3738

Metropolis Outreach



CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Mask + Latex Gloves
- Mini Hand Sanitizer
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Tissues
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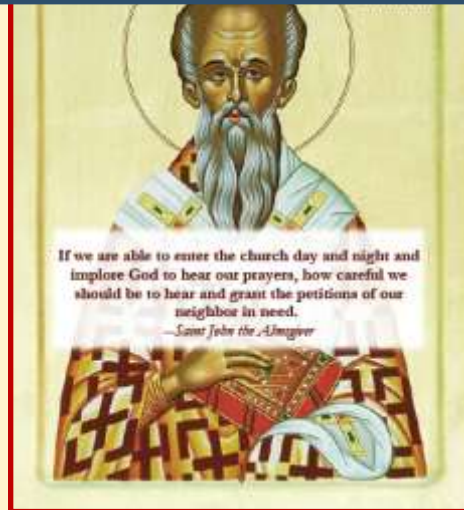


HOPE
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.

This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project

Parish Outreach



St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.

Ladies Philoptochos requests your donations of breakfast foods for Chicago's Lakeview Pantry.



- Cereal - Cold or hot any flavor any brand
- Breakfast Cereal Bars
- Shelf-stable juice

The economic downturn caused by the pandemic has forced many people to turn to Lakeview Pantry who never imagined they would have to seek help to feed their family. Thank you to our generous parishioners and friends who for more than ten years have been helping to feed the hungry who turn to

Lakeview Pantry.

Please bring your donation to the Church by Palm Sunday, April 25.

For an easy way to donate food and have it delivered directly to the Church, consider ordering through Amazon. We have a link below to some food and juice items. The Church's Ship to Address is below. These items are suggestions only. Please feel free to order anything you would like. Or donate store bought items. All are welcome.

If you use The Amazon Smile program, St. Basil Church will receive 0.5% of your purchase price. Instructions for signing up for this important program are attached.

Ship To Address:
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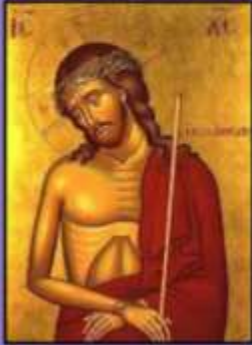
CLICK THE IMAGES BELOW TO ORDER FROM AMAZON



Metropolis Outreach



Secure Your Holy Week Kit



With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, the Metropolis Junior Board has put together an initiative to **deliver Holy Week Kits** to those unable to attend church.

If you or a loved one wish to receive a kit, please **scan the QR code** with your cell phone camera or **visit the Web Link below** and fill out the form **no later than Sunday, April 18th.**



Holy Week Kit includes:

- Palm Cross
- Candle
- Holy Water
- Spiritual Pamphlet



Scan Me!!!



Web Link: <https://qr.go.page.link/wDJA9>

For questions or additional information, please email the Metropolis Young Adult Board at metropolisjuniorboard@chicagometropolis.org



Please join our Philoptochos Blood Drive



June 27, 2021 • St. George Greek Orthodox Church



Blood Donors Are Needed!

Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society

is collaborating with

Saint George of Chicago Philoptochos Society

to host a Blood Drive at St. George.

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosios at 773-961-5732 or email her at dot64@rcn.com.



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church is using
SIGN UP GENIUS

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To Sign Up to attend Divine Services
Reserve Your Spot Today!

If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

Holy Week—Volunteers Needed

CALLING ALL YOUNG LADIES

We need myrofores (myrrh bearing women) for Holy Friday Night

Please wear a white dress and see Jennifer Georgopouls if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



CALLING ALL STRONG ARMS

We need volunteers to carry the Kouvouklion around the church on the evening of Holy Friday. Please participate in the honor of carrying the bier of our Lord Jesus Christ

^S Please See Tony Frankos if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



CALLING ALL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

We need volunteers to read the Gospel in foreign languages during the Agape Vespers on Easter Sunday, May 2. Looking for a variety of languages...some examples below:

Spanish—Italian—Chinese—Tigrina
Latin—Russian—Romanian—Swahili
German—Arabic—Oromo—English
French—Japanese—Amharic, and other
languages welcome



Please contact Father Dimitri if you are interested in participating in this wonderful service.

Holy Week — Liturgical Schedule



Saturday, April 24

Saturday of Lazarus
Orthros 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.



Thursday, April 29

Mystical Supper Liturgy
Vespers Liturgy 6:30 a.m.
The Passion Service
Orthros 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 25

Palm Sunday
Orthros 8:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Holy Monday Orthros
(Bridegroom Service)
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



Friday, April 30

The Royal Hours
Hours Service 9:00 a.m.
The Apokatheilosis
(Removal from the Cross)
Vespers 3:00 p.m.
The Lamentations
Orthros 7:00 p.m.



Monday, April 26

Holy Tuesday Orthros
(Bridegroom Service)
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



Tuesday, April 27

Holy Tuesday Orthros
(Bridegroom Service)
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



Wednesday, April 28

Unction Ευχέλιον Service
Unction 3:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday Orthros
(with Unction)
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



Saturday, May 1

The Protianastasi
(Little Resurrection)
Vespers Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
The Orthros of the Resurrection
Orthros 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 2

The Resurrection
Come Receive the Light 12:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 12:30 a.m.
The Agape Vespers 12:00 p.m.

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

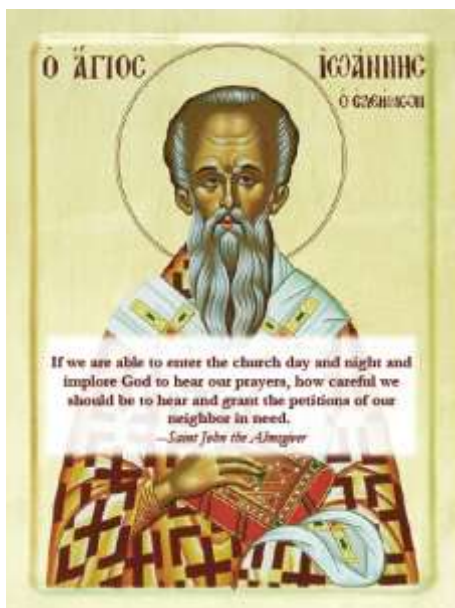
- **Sunday, April 25, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday**
- **Sunday, April 25, 6:00pm - Holy Sun Night - Orthros of Holy Monday Bridegroom Service Sunday Night**
- Monday, April 26, 6:00pm - Holy Mon Night - Orthros of Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service Monday Night
- Tuesday, April 27, 6:00pm - Holy Tuesday Night - Orthros of Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Service Tuesday Night with Hymn of St. Kassiani
- **Wednesday, April 28, 3:00pm - Holy Unction**
- Wednesday, April 28, 6:00pm - Holy Wednesday Night - Orthros of Holy Thursday
- Thursday, April 29, 6:30am - Vespertal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper
- Thursday, April 29, 6:00pm - Holy Thursday Night - Orthros of Holy Friday - The Passion Reading of the 12 Gospel
- Friday, April 30, 9:00am - Royal Hours of Holy Friday
- Friday, April 30, 3:00pm - Vespers of Holy Friday The Unnailing
- Saturday, May 1, 8:30am - The Protianastasi Vespertal Liturgy
- **Saturday, May 1, 11:00pm - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Great an Holy Pascha**
- **Sunday, May 2, 12:00pm - Agape Service**

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	3 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Third Saturday of Lent
4 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Cross	5 6:00 pm Great Compline Parish Council	6 10:00 am Bible Study	7 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	8	9 6:30 am Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	10 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fourth Saturday of Lent
11 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. John Climacus	12 6:00 pm Great Compline	13 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting	14 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	15 Tax Day	16 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn	17 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fifth Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn
18 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	19	20	21	22	23 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	24 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
25 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday	26 6:00 pm Holy Monday Night - Orthros of Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service Monday Night	27 6:00 pm Holy Tuesday Night - Orthros of Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Service Tuesday Night with Hymn of St. Kassiani	28 3:00 pm Holy Unction 6:00 pm Holy Wednesday Night - Orthros of Holy Thursday	29 6:30 am Vespers Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Night - Orthros of Holy Friday - The Passion Reading of the 12 Gospel	30 9:00 am Royal Hours of Holy Friday 3:00 pm Vespers of Holy Friday 7:00 pm The Unailing Holy Friday Night - Orthros of Holy Saturday - The Lamentations	1 9:00 am Vespers Liturgy of the Proti-Anastasi Service of Preparation 11:45 pm Come Receive the Light!

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite



I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil
115 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged
\$177,159.00

Dollar Amount Collected
\$83,535.00

Average Pledge
\$1541

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil
81 out of 112 (72.32%)



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device

